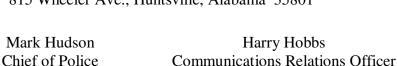


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Huntsville Police Department Announces Street Closings and Parking Availability for Big Spring Jam XVIII-September 23-24, 2011

Huntsville, Alabama (September 20, 2011) The Huntsville Police Department is preparing for another safe and successful Big Spring Jam Festival this weekend. The boundaries for Big Spring Jam will include Monroe Street, Clinton Avenue, Lowe Avenue and Pollard Street. See attached map.

On Wednesday September 28th, street closings will begin at 10 a.m. on Williams Avenue from Church Street to Monroe Street and south on Monroe Street to the roundabout north of St. Clair Avenue. Access will be maintained to the Scruggs Community Center, the James A. Williams Aquatic Center and the Embassy Suites through Thursday. Access to the Holiday Inn will be maintained on Lowe Avenue from Gallatin Street to the southernmost entrance of the Hotel throughout the two-day festival.

At 6 p.m. on Wednesday, all lanes of Monroe Street from Holmes Avenue to Clinton Avenue will be closed; however, access to the Monroe Street entrance to the bus station will be maintained throughout the festival. All lanes of Clinton Avenue from Pollard Street to Church Street will be closed throughout the festival. All streets will be open again for normal traffic flow by 4 p.m. Sunday September 25th.

For security measures, we recommend drivers consider parking their vehicles in well lit designated parking lots for better security. We also suggest that attendees use public transportation to and from the event whenever possible. HPD added secure bicycle parking racks to this year's event at entrances located at the Clinton/Church and Church Street at the Municipal Parking Garage gate. All drivers in the downtown areas this weekend are encouraged to drive with caution watching for children, pedestrians and bicycles around the Big Spring Jam site.

City parking facilities within a 2 block area will be available for people attending Big Spring Jam. All parking facilities can be seen on Parkinghuntsville.com or bigspringjam.org. Parking cost will be \$5 per vehicle at all City of Huntsville Facilities.

The Parking Facilities to be open are as follows:

• VBC Garage - known as garage M - the entrance will be on Church Street

- Colonial Garage known as garage B entrance on Fountain Circle
- Lot K large lot at the corner of Clinton and Woodson with the entrance on Woodson
- Lot V large lot on Clinton adjacent to the eastern Cotton States Gate at Pollard Street
- Lot I lot adjacent to the Aquatic Center across from the Embassy Suites Hotel entrance on Monroe Street
- Lot H corner of Jefferson St and Holmes Avenue entrance on Spragins Street

Additional ADA spaces will be added to Lot I and Garage M; the other facilities have ADA spaces and we will add more if needed.

The following is the schedule of when City Parking Facilities will be open:

- Friday 4:00 p.m. with BSJ gates to open at 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday 3:00 p.m. with BSJ gates to open at 4:00 p.m.

Editors Note: For more information on Big Spring Jam law enforcement preparations contact Lt. Mark McMurray HPD Special Operations Division at 256-427-5580. Maps will be available online at www.bigspringjam.org. Media inquiries for City of Huntsville Parking will be Beverly Lowe 256-603-6481 or Larry Hamilton 256-476-1568.

